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Chris said Foster is dying, and may do so at any moment. He is in great pain, and death would be a mercy for him.

Monday, May 18, 1959

Delegation meeting at 9:30. This is a public holiday, but the Conference goes on, regardless.

We lunched at Pierre Cartier's luxurious house on the Lake. It once formed part of the demeane of the Empress Josephine, when she lived in Geneva. My dear friend Pierre de Bénouville and his wife were there, also Dessault, the famous French aircraft manufacturer, and his wife, the Villards and others. Sasha ~~was~~ arrived this morning from Bonn, and went off to the little family beach for swimming and a picnic. Cartier's daughter, Madame Claudel, was the hostess. The old gentleman is eighty-one, and thoroughly enjoys his life, dividing his time between the United States and Switzerland.

I had a walk and talk this afternoon with Scotty Reston, and Wellington Long, ^{an} ~~an~~ acute observer, came for drinks with me. Thereafter, we took a sleepy Sasha to the good Italian restaurant Roberto, where she tucked away her favorite Pasta.

Tuesday, May 19, 1959

Talk at 9 with Mivie, Tommy, Gerry Smith, Loftie Becker, and Freddy Reinhardt about tactics regarding Berlin. They think we can not exact a standstill agreement from the Soviets in connection with

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a Summit conference, for if we asked for it, the Soviets would take off against high altitude flights, atomic armaments for the Bundeswehr, etc. They believe we must hope for maintenance of the status quo without any solemn engagement, with the expectation it will not be disturbed while negotiations are in process. I do not agree.

Henry Pleasants and I lunched at The Colony Club, run by an attractive Danish lady and her husband, an RAF pilot. Then I went back to the office.

This morning, Bill Tyler and I called, upon instructions from Secretary Herter, on von Brentano, to inquire about remarks attributed to him in an interview he ^{gave} ~~made~~ to Schröder of Die Welt. He categorically stated the account, as published by Reuter's, was untrue. Grewe was present, and said he wished he could get back to his post in Washington instead of heading the FedRep delegation at the conference sessions.

Amory Houghton and Jock Whitney arrived today to observe the local happenings. They, ourselves, Livie, Freddy and Loftie and most of the executive group, dined at the Herters'. What a nice couple Mac and Chris are! He has created a most favorable impression during the Conference. Couve de Murville was the guest of honor, and his deputy, ~~Mr~~ Lucet, with wife, was also there. Couve was amused when I told him of the nickname given by some of his diplomatic

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